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EDWARD PITRE,	INDEX NO.: 157588/2015
Plaintiff,	
-against-	
MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,	
Defendants.	
MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,	THIRD-PARTY INDEX NO.:
Third-Party Plaintiff,	
-against-	
CITY OF NEW YORK, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY AND FELIX GARCIA	
Third-Party Defendants.	

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Dated: New York, New York March 2, 2017

Yours, etc.

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EDWARD PITRE,

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Plaintiff,

-against-

NOTICE PURSUANT TO CPLR § 3402(b)

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,

Defendants.

THIRD-PARTY INDEX NO.:

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY AND FELIX GARCIA

Third-Party Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in the above-entitled actions pursuant to Section 3402(b) of the CPLR, the Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs, Morningside Heights SN, LLC and J&F Meat Market Corp., by service of a Third-Party Summons and Complaint has impleaded City of New York, Fire Department of New York City and Felix Garcia as Third-Party Defendants and that the caption has been changed to read as above entitled. A copy of this statement has been served upon all the attorneys appearing in this action as of this date.

This Case has not been noticed for trial.

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EDWARD PITRE,

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Plaintiff,

-against-

THIRD-PARTY SUMMONS

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,

Defendants.

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,

THIRD-PARTY INDEX NO.:

Third-Party Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY AND FELIX GARCIA

Third-Party Defendants.

To the above named Third Party Defendants:

City of New York

Fire Department of New York City

100 Church Street New York, NY 10007 9 Metrotech Center Brooklyn, NY 11201

Felix Garcia 3151 Perry Avenue, Apartment 5B Bronx, NY 10467

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this third-party action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or if the Complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Third-Party Plaintiff's attorney, within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or, within thirty days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF NEW YORK

EDWARD PITRE,

Plaintiff,

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THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,

Defendants.

MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS SN, LLC and J&F MEAT MARKET CORP.,

THIRD-PARTY INDEX NO.:

Third-Party Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY AND FELIX GARCIA

Third-Party Defendants.

The Defendants/Third-Party Plaintiffs, Morningside Heights SN, LLC and J&F Meat Market Corp., by their attorneys Braff, Harris, Sukoneck & Maloof, states as follows:

- 1. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, third party defendant City of New York was a domestic entity, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 2. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, third party defendant Fire Department of New York City was a domestic entity, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.

3. That at all times hereinafter mentioned, Felix Garcia, was an individual residing in the State of New York employed by the City of New York and/or the Fire Department of New York City.

AS AND FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST CITY OF NEW YORK, FIRE DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK CITY AND FELIX GARCIA

- The plaintiff, Edward Pitre, has instituted an action against the defendant/third 1. party plaintiffs Morningside Heights SN, LLC and J&F Meat Market Corp. It is alleged that on February 27, 2015, the plaintiff was injured when he fell upon premises located at 1975 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York. A copy of the Verified Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- 2. Immediately before arriving at the premises located at 1975 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, New York, the plaintiff was a passenger in a vehicle owned, leased, operated, used. controlled and/or maintained by the City of New York, the Fire Department of New York City and/or Felix Garcia.
- 3. At all times mentioned herein, when Felix Garcia operated, used and/or controlled the aforementioned vehicle, he was an agent, servant, and/or employee of the City of New York and/or Fire Department of New York City.
- 4. At all times mentioned herein, when Felix Garcia operated, used and/or controlled the aforementioned vehicle, he was within the scope of his employment with the City of New York and/or the Fire Department of New York City.
- 5. In connection with his employment with the City of New York and/or the Fire Department of New York City, Felix Garcia was trained, supervised, and/or directed in such duties, responsibilities and/or requirements by third party defendants City of New York and/or

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Fire Department of New York City relative to his use, operation, and control of the aforementioned vehicle.

- 6. The plaintiff's injuries occurred as he exited the aforementioned vehicle due to the negligence, carelessness, and/or recklessness of the City of New York, the Fire Department of New York City and/or Felix Garcia.
- 7. At all times mentioned herein, the City of New York and/or Fire Department of New York City are vicariously liable for the negligence, carelessness, and/or recklessness of Felix Garcia.
- 8. That if the plaintiff was caused to sustain damages and injuries at the time and place set forth in the plaintiff's Complaint, all of which has been denied by the defendant/third party plaintiff, through any negligence or carelessness other than plaintiff's own negligence or carelessness, then such damages and injuries were caused by the active, primary and original negligence of the third party defendants, City of New York, Fire Department of New York City and/or Felix Garcia.
- 9. By reason of the foregoing, the defendants/third party plaintiffs are entitled to recover by way of indemnification and/or contribution, in whole or in part, from the third party defendants, City of New York, Fire Department of New York City and/or Felix Garcia, for the full amount of any recovery herein by the plaintiff or for that proportion thereof caused by the relative culpability of the said third party defendant, and the said third party defendant is bound to pay any and all attorneys' fees, costs of investigation and disbursements of this action.

WHEREFORE, defendant/third-party plaintiffs, Morningside Heights SN, LLC and J&F Meat Market Corp., demand judgment over and against the third-party defendants, City of New York, Fire Department of New York City, and Felix Garcia on the first cause of action, for

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all or any part of any judgment or verdict rendered against it, together with the costs and disbursements of this action including reasonable attorney's fees and costs of investigation.

Dated: New York, New York March 2, 2017

Yours, etc.

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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

The undersigned, an attorney, admitted to practice law in the State of New York, affirms under penalty of perjury as follows:

That affirmant is an associate with the firm of Braff, Harris, Sukoneck & Maloof attorneys for Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs, Morningside Heights SN, LLC and J&F Meat Market, Corp., in the within action; that affirmant has read the foregoing Third Party Complaint and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to affirmant's knowledge; and that as to those matters, affirmant believes them to be true.

Affirmant further states that the reason this Verification is made by affirmant and not by the Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs is that the Defendants/Third Party Plaintiffs either do not reside or maintain offices in the County in which affirmant maintains his office.

The undersigned affirms that the foregoing statements are true under the penalties of perjury.

DATED:

New York, New York

March 2, 2017

MICHAEL S. GOLDENBERG